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1. According to Leftist information, a "General Staff" has been formed in Yugoslavia, consisting of two Yugoslavs, two Bulgars, two Albanians, two Germans, two Greeks, two political agents from Prague, and Miltiades Porphyrogenis.
2. The participation of Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania in the Salonika UN Subcommission was prevented by orders from the Soviet Union.
3. The Epon Brigade now in Yugoslavia and composed of 60 percent Greek and 40 percent foreign troops, is reported to be fully armed and ready for action. The Brigade awaits the arrival of Greek officers.
4. John Sophianopoulos is being discussed as the possible president of the "Central Committee for Liberation".

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[REDACTED] comment: He is said to enjoy great prestige with KKE even though the Russian Ambassador "imposed" on KKE/HAM to have them accept Sophianopoulos.)

5. The existence of an International Brigade has again been reported. This Brigade is awaiting the formation of a "Democratic Government" before taking action.
6. Porphyrogenis is reported to have stated that orders from the Soviet Union have been received to continue fighting, to broaden disturbances, and to disrupt American plans for Greece.
7. According to a report received by KKE from the Rebel General Staff, a substantial amount of arms are reaching the guerrillas from Albania. The manpower shortage is acute. The strength of the "Democratic" Army is placed at 17,500 with a total of 1,300 killed, wounded, dead from natural causes and deserted, for the period ending 30 April. This same report gives the Government casualties as totalling 1,700.

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[REDACTED] comment: According to Admiral Alexandris, the figures recently released by the Greek General Staff estimating the Andarte losses at 2,100 are untrue. The actual losses are known to the General Staff to be around 350.)